

PAN-AMERICAN APPEAL ISSUED

Urges the Mexicans to Hold Peace Conference.

IT IS A BROTHERLY PLEA

Does Not Contain Any Threat Of Force - Suggests A Conference On Neutral Land And Offers Services Of Brothers Of America.

Washington.—Upholstered in soft words, and bearing all the earmarks of having been dictated by a Latin-American diplomat Pan-American appeal to Mexico was made public.

Only in the concluding paragraph is there anything which the rival factions in the war-torn, anarchy-ridden republic could interpret as an ultimatum. And even this is modified.

"The undersigned," reads this paragraph, "expect a reply to this communication within a reasonable time, and consider that such a time would be 10 days after the communication is delivered subject to prorogation for cause."

Signed By All Conferers. Written in Spanish and signed by all the Latin-American diplomats who attended the Pan-American conference, the communication is addressed to military and civil leaders in all parts of Mexico, including the Governors of all states, Mayors of cities and other authorities.

"The Mexican people are informed that the following communication has been sent to many prominent persons in Mexico who possess political authority or military power within the republic."

The text of the appeal itself is as follows: The undersigned, the Secretary of State of the United States, the Ambassadors extraordinary and plenipotentiary of Brazil, Chile and Argentina and the envoys extraordinary and Ministers Plenipotentiary of Bolivia, Uruguay and Guatemala, accredited to the Government of the United States of America, acting severally and independently, unanimously send to you the following communication:

Inspired by the most sincere spirit of American fraternity and convinced that they rightly interpret the earnest wish of the entire continent, have met informally at the suggestion of the Secretary of State of the United States to consider the Mexican situation to ascertain whether their friendly and disinterested help could be successfully employed to re-establish peace and constitutional order in our sister republic.

War's Effects Reviewed. In the heat of the frightful struggle which for so long has steeped in blood the Mexican soil doubtless all may well have lost sight of the dissolving effects of the strife upon the most vital conditions of the national existence, not only upon the life and liberty of the inhabitants, but on the prestige and security of the country. We cannot doubt, however, no one can doubt—that in the presence of a sympathetic appeal from their brothers of America, recalling to them these disastrous effects, asking them to save their mother land from an abyss—no one can doubt, we repeat—that the patriotism of the men who lead or aid in any way the bloody strife will not remain unmoved; no one can doubt that each and every one of them, measuring in his own conscience his share in the responsibilities of past misfortune and looking forward to his share in the glory of the pacification and reconstruction of the country, will respond nobly and resolutely to this friendly appeal and give their best efforts to opening the way to some saving action.

We, the undersigned, believe that if the men directing the armed movements in Mexico—whether political or military chiefs—should agree to meet, either in person or by delegates, far from the sound of cannon and with no other inspiration save the thought of their afflicted land, there to exchange ideas and to determine the fate of the country, from such action would undoubtedly result the strong and unyielding agreement requisite to the creation of a provisional government, which should adopt the first steps necessary to the constitutional reconstruction of the country—and to issue the first and most essential of them all, the immediate call to general elections.

An adequate place within the Mexican frontiers, which for the purpose might be neutralized, should serve as the seat of the conference, and in order to bring about a conference of this nature the undersigned, or any of them, will willingly, upon invitation, act as intermediaries to arrange the time, place and other details of such conference if this action can in any way aid the Mexican people.

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PEACE WITH HONOR. Aim Of Wilson, Says Vice-President Marshall.

Kansas City, Mo.—"Peace with honor is what President Wilson is trying to hold for the United States," said Thomas R. Marshall, Vice-President, who arrived here on a speaking tour.

"But if it should come to the point where we should not be able to maintain peace with honor and would have to fight, then we would fight and that's all there is to it."

D da GAMA, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Brazil. EDO SUAREZ-MUJICA, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Chile.

R. S. NAON, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Argentina. L. CALDERON, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Bolivia. CARLOS MARIA DE PENA, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Uruguay. JOAQUIN MENDEZ, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Guatemala.

Embargo As First Step. In support of government not representing all the factions probably it would become necessary to extend the plans of the Pan-American Conference.

At an embargo on arms against forces which might oppose the new government probably would be the first step.

BROKEN BACK; WORKS. Miner Minus Leg And Three Fingers Fills Man's Place.

Clarksburg, W. Va.—With his back broken, left leg cut off near the knee, two fingers of the right hand and one finger of the left hand gone, W. H. Satterfield shovels coal and earns a good living for a family of six children at the mine of the McGraw Coal Company at Simpson, near this city.

Fifteen years ago he fell over a cliff at a stone quarry and broke his back. Physicians said he couldn't get well. His left leg has been cut off four times. The bone is diseased and is said to be slowly decaying. It is necessary to amputate often.

Straps arranged diagonally across both shoulders keep the broken back in place and serve to hold the wooden leg to the stub of the live limb. Satterfield operates a fan in the mines. He shovels about four tons of coal a day and in addition keeps the boiler of the fan engine going.

BLEW OFF SISTER'S HEAD. Six-Year-Old Boy Was Playing With Father's Gun.

Luray, Va.—Returning from an early hunting trip in the Blue Ridge, David Smelser, who lives in the Kimball neighborhood, five miles east of Luray, handed his wife his gun, telling her to put it away. For some reason Mrs. Smelser failed to carry out her husband's request. The Smelser children were left alone in the room where a six-year-old boy playfully picked up the gun and pointed it toward his sister. When the weapon was discharged her head was blown away.

2,000 MILITIA IN CAMP. West Virginia National Guard To Engage In War Game.

Parkersburg, W. Va.—The state encampment of the West Virginia National Guard began here Monday. Tents were pitched and 2,000 men went into camp for 10 days. The camp is in charge of Brig-Gen. John C. Bond, with a number of officials of the United States Army present as instructors. An interesting feature of the encampment will be a citizens' rifle championship, in which citizens generally of the State will be invited to participate.

NEED NO COTTON FOR POWDER. Germans Can Make Explosives Without Staple.

London.—Announcement that Germany is now able to dispense with cotton in the manufacture of military supplies is made by the Frankfurter Zeitung, as quoted by Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam. This newspaper asserts that the designation of cotton as contraband of war would not solve Anglo-American difficulties, and adds: "In the present condition of our technical science no cotton whatever is any longer used for war purposes."

GAS MOVIES—WHAT? New York Will Photograph Meters To Get Bills.

New York.—Gas meters in New York hereafter will be read by photograph. The gas company believes that this will insure absolute accuracy. Meter readers employed by the company will be equipped with a small camera which fits over the indicator on the gas meter. By pressing a button light is thrown on the dial and exposure made showing the amount of gas burned.

ELECTED PRESIDENT OF HAITI. General Dantiqueneve Gets Majority Of 72.

Port au Prince.—General Dantiqueneve was elected President of the Haitian republic by the National Assembly.

He received a majority of 72 out of the 116 votes cast.

The voting for the various Presidential candidates was as follows: General Dantiqueneve, 54; Luxembourg Cauvin, 14; Emmanuel Theau, 4; Dr. Rossivo Bobo, 3; and blank 1.

LAST OF A FAMOUS FIRM GONE. John W. Harper, Last Survivor Of Harper Brothers.

Biddeford, Maine.—John W. Harper, of New York, last survivor of the Harper Bros. magazine publishers, died at Biddeford Pool. He was 84 years of age.

THE COUNTRY AT LARGE. Mobilization of the full strength of the Massachusetts militia, as a demonstration of preparedness, was proposed by Governor Walsh and favored by leading business men at a meeting in Boston.

The National Enameling and Stamping Company has completed several shipments of kitchen utensils for the Allied armies.

BATTLED HIGH UP IN THE CLOUDS

The Austrians Cross Mountains of 11,000 Feet.

MAKE A DASH INTO ITALY

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A LITTLE TRAGEDY IN EVERYDAY LIFE



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BALKANS NOW TO PLAY BIG ROLE CARRANZA WARNS UNITED STATES

Both Sides Make Desperate Efforts for Support. Also Latin American Envoys to Quit Meddling in Mexico.

ISSUE IS FAR-REACHING MORE WARSHIPS GO SOUTH

Allies To Smash Their Way Through the Dardanelles Before the Teutons Can Get To Constantinople.

London.—Movements overshadowing in importance even the operations in Poland are being made in the Balkan theater of war.

British operations against the Dardanelles and Austro-German threats against Serbia are beginning to evolve themselves into a race for the support of the Balkan States.

The Balkan situation at present dominates all others in all the capitals of Europe.

Everything points to a vigorous offensive by the Austro-Germans against Serbia at an early date with the object of crushing the Serbian army in order to force Bulgaria to give free passage to Teuton forces needed for the relief of Constantinople.

Leading critics in Italy and France consider this plan of the German general staff very serious. Should it succeed it would involve the complete failure of the Allies' efforts at the Dardanelles and the final immobilization of the Balkan States, whose cooperation is now sought by the quadruple entente.

The Allies' Hope. No great hope is entertained that the Allies will succeed in inducing the Balkan States to intervene on their side but it is hoped that they will remain neutral.

In order to defeat the Germans at their own plan the Allies on Gallipoli have commenced a tremendous offensive against the Turks in a desperate effort to smash the Dardanelles defenses and reach Constantinople before Germany can throw an army through Serbia. More than 50,000 fresh troops have been landed on Gallipoli within the last week and their appearance has heralded a violent drive on the entire front.

Still more reinforcements, both French and British, are semi-officially reported en route for the Straits.

Intense naval activity is evident in co-operation with the land attacks of the Allies. Unofficial dispatches continue to report the torpedoing of the Turkish cruiser Goeben (renamed Sultan Selim after her purchase from Germany by Turkey) by a British submarine which penetrated into the Black Sea.

Demands for the opening of a path to Turkey are being voiced in Berlin and proclamations that Germany is preparing to send an army to aid the Turks are being spread broadcast in Constantinople, according to the latest advices.

PEACE IN OCTOBER. Significant Orders Issued To German Forces In Flanders.

London.—A significant order of the day predicting a resumption by the Germans of a vigorous offensive in the west has been issued to the Teutonic armies in Flanders, according to the Amsterdam Telegraaf. An extract from this order telegraphed by the Amsterdam correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company follows:

"Our work now is practically finished in the east and we are about to begin in the west. Peace is certain in October."

MAY WITHHOLD NOBEL PRIZES. Will Be Reduced By Sum Of Defense Tax Next Year.

Stockholm.—The amount available for the Nobel prizes this year is 144,000 kroner (\$38,000) each, but it is possible that the distribution will be postponed. Next year the sum will be reduced by 20,000 kroner, this representing the amount of the new Swedish defense tax.

GEORGE FITCH, AUTHOR, DEAD. Fails To Rally From Operation For Appendicitis.

Berkeley, Cal.—George Fitch, the author of Peoria, Ill., died at a sanatorium here, having failed to rally from an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Fitch was taken ill on Saturday. He had been visiting his sister, Miss R. Louise Fitch, who is a student in the University of California.

WOMAN KILLED UNDER AUTO. Steering Gear Locks and the Car Plunges Over Bank.

Pulaski, Va.—Mrs. J. H. Suthpin was killed in Carroll county by the overturning of an automobile. With her husband, twin sons and a niece, Mrs. Suthpin was returning from church. The steering gear locked and the machine went over an embankment to the Norfolk and Western railroad tracks. The other members of the party were unhurt.

WENT INTO CIVIL WAR AT 13. Henry Parker, Wounded Five Times, Dead At 68.

Ellwood City, Pa.—Henry Parker, aged 68 years, said to have been the youngest enlisted soldier from Pennsylvania and one of the youngest from any part of the Union to serve during the Civil War, is dead at his home here. He was 13 years and 8 months old when he enlisted, and was wounded five times, once seriously.

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STATE NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

Latest Doings In Various Parts of the State.

PREPARED FOR QUICK READING

Mrs. William Sweeney was fatally burned at her home in Catawago when she started down cellar to drop a quarter in the meter. At the head of the cellar steps stood a can of coal oil, over which Mrs. Sweeney had her clothing becoming saturated with oil. When she struck a match to light the gas meter, her clothing became ignited.

Jerome Mogel, a farmer, Coaling, was attacked by three masked men who were returning at midnight from the Reading markets with his wife and child. The men jumped from a darkened automobile. The flashlight frightened Mogel's horse and the animal bolted and dashed down the road.

A will written twenty-eight years ago for a man who died twenty years ago, has been found by the heirs of Adam Ernst and placed on probate in Berks county courtrooms, whereby an estate valued at \$23,000 will be distributed. Ernst was a farmer of Penn Township.

Lancaster, Pa.—George J. Kistner, promoter of the Marietta Manufacturing Company, has closed a deal in New York for the manufacture of 1,000,000 rifles. The Marietta plant will be renovated and employment will be given 500 persons. An advancement of \$550,000 has been posted.

By the will of Miss Anna Hartrath of Norristown, daughter of former Governor John F. Hartranft, her estate is divided between her sister, Marie, wife of E. W. Steckham, and her niece, Anna.

Richard Siler, aged five years, was drowned in the Susquehanna at Deep Canon. He was playing on a log along the river when he lost his footing and fell in, the swift current carrying him away.

The directors of Carbon County Industrial Society are making arrangements to illuminate the fair grounds with electricity this year, so that the fair, which will be held the last week of September, can be open evenings.

James E. Fairbanks, of Camden, N. J., a wire salesman, in the employ of a New York firm, dropped dead while talking business to A. P. Albaugh, of Spring Mount. Death was due to apoplexy.

Christopher Burke, of Slatinsburg, aged fifteen years, was struck by a Central Railroad of New Jersey train and injured fatally. He was removed to the Palmerton Hospital, where he died.

Mrs. Mary Pyott, of Garrettsford, was hurt seriously by falling down the cellar from the porch of her house while in the act of passing mail over to her brother.

Mrs. Rebecca Schureman Lawall, of Easton, widow of Cyrus Lawall, one of the few "real daughters" of the American Revolution, celebrated her ninety-first birthday.

Johanathan A. Ganster, George B. Sell and Martin Reddig, of Stoenerville, secured five ground holes for electrifying the ground by means of an electrical battery.

Charles Arnvage, 31 years old, former policeman, former councilman and salesman, was killed by a premature dynamite explosion at Indian Ridge Colliery, Shenandoah. A widow and four children survive. It was the victim's first day in the mines.

Robert Weaver, aged twenty years, was struck in the abdomen by a heavy pipe while at work at No. 1 Colliery of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company, Lansford. He was removed to the Coaldale Hospital where he died several hours later.

Dr. Amy J. Rule resigned as assistant physician of the department of women of the State Insane Hospital to engage in private practice in Washington.

Seeing a Central Railroad of New Jersey officer approaching, an illegal train rider ran into the Lehigh River at Mauch Chunk and was drowned.

Isaac Johnson, President Judge of the courts of Delaware county, celebrated his seventy-fourth birthday on Saturday.

Squire William H. Glace, aged seventy-six, one of the leading residents of Catawago, and Mrs. Anna M. Mosser, aged fifty-five, his housekeeper, were married at his residence. The ceremony being performed by Rev. Wesley Thiel, of Locust Dale.

R. S. McGarvey, thirty-seven years old, of Carnegie, was killed when an elderly-pool ornament on the fifth floor of City Hall dropped upon him as he was walking in the crowd in Smithfield street. McGarvey was employed as a collector.

Mrs. Margaret Thoroman, of Port land, Ore., has been elected agent of the charity organization of Easton and Phillipsburg, to fill the vacancy caused by Miss Jennie Griffith accepting the superintendency of the National Girl's Home, Washington.

Caught in a loop of wire cable James E. Frick, aged thirty-nine, a lawyer, was killed at a sawmill in Juniata Gap. His brother, Thomas, started the engine on its fatal run. Thomas did not know James was in the mill.